

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 676

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Raleigh Assembly of God & The Springs @ Southwind for its meritorious service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of the General Assembly should recognize those venerable religious institutions and their congregations that, through their unflagging capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, enrich the lives of people in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Raleigh Assembly of God & The Springs @ Southwind is one such institution that has served the Lord and its community for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, through its deeply-rooted community involvement and outreach ministries, this religious establishment has served to spread messages of faith, love, and hope; and

WHEREAS, the church has served estimably as a member of the Raleigh Community Council and Jesus Loves Memphis; and

WHEREAS, for the last four years, the church has also adopted a school, helping remodel the teachers' lounge in both Craigmont and Raleigh Egypt high schools; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, with the help of the Breath of Life Christian Center and the Greater Imani Christian Center, Raleigh Assembly of God & The Springs @ Southwind helped begin the District 1 Baccalaureate program, which serves schools such as Craigmont, Frayser, Kingsbury, Trezevant, and Raleigh Egypt, and has seen more than 2,000 students participate; and

WHEREAS, the church offers several ministries, such as the Food Ministry Manna Ministry, which has served as an agency of the Mid-South Food Bank for more than ten years and has fed over 50,000 individuals over the past seven years, including more than 10,000 in 2011 alone; the ministry also sponsors a Christmas event that provides gifts, coats, groceries, and Christmas dinner to those in need; and

WHEREAS, the church also offers a Prison Ministry, in which representatives from Raleigh Assembly of God & The Springs @ Southwind serve as weekly ministers at local corrections facilities, and the ministry also helps support a transitional home for ex-felons called "The Father's House"; and

WHEREAS, deeply involved in its community, Raleigh Assembly of God & The Springs @ Southwind has sponsored more than 150 Angel Tree children over the past four years and has hosted many community and school events, such as sports banquets, rummage sales, and club events; and

WHEREAS, Raleigh Assembly of God & The Springs @ Southwind has stood on the rock-solid foundation of Christian belief, service, and love for a number of years, serving as a bastion of faith and outreach to the people of its community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the Raleigh Assembly of God & The Springs @ Southwind for its meritorious service to the people of Tennessee and offer our sincerest wishes for every continued success as an uplifting beacon of the Lord's good will.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.